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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL AND GENERAL COURT  
1622-1629.**

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Examinations taken the Twentieth of July 1625  
before Sr Francis Wyatt knight Gouverno<sup>r</sup> &c,  
Capt Francis West, Capt Roger Smith,  
Capt Raphe Hamer, M<sup>r</sup> William Cleybourne.

William Barnes, borne in Fawley in the Count'  
of South sworne and Examined sayeth that  
Capt' John Powell shipped him at ye Ile  
of Wight in y<sup>e</sup> good Shipp called y<sup>e</sup> black  
Bess of Flushing of y<sup>e</sup> burthen of one  
hundred Tunns and sayeth y<sup>t</sup> he was acquainted  
that she was A man of warr, But Capt Earsfield  
wished this Examinee to goe alonge in the  
vioage w<sup>th</sup> Capt Powell for y<sup>t</sup> he had seene  
and p used this Comissione from y<sup>e</sup> States &  
found it to be Sufficyent, And sayeth  
y<sup>t</sup> Capt Powell shipped him for shares and not  
for wages, And sayeth that they were fower  
score and tenn or fowerscore and twelve men  
aboarde the shippe when they putt foorth to sea  
and y<sup>t</sup> the (sic) shaped theyr course for the Western  
Ilandes where they beate vp and downe  
the space of a fortnight, And from thence  
they shaped there course for the Carib Ilands  
to get some p vision to save there owne  
victualls, And after y<sup>t</sup> they coasted to and  
again about the west Inges to meete w<sup>th</sup>

some pryse. And in the baye of Marycaw they took A Friggett w<sup>th</sup> a shallopp, but this Examine remayned about the shipp and cannott tell precyslie w<sup>t</sup> goodes was in her.

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And sayeth y<sup>t</sup> Capt Powell putt some of his men into the Friggett to man her and soe kept in Consort together for y<sup>e</sup> space of a fortnight, And sayeth y<sup>t</sup> divers of the Compenny beinge putt to harde allowance, and bad vsage by Capt Powell and beinge required by him to sett theire hands to Certen Articles y<sup>t</sup> they should goe any way he comanded them and to fight against any eyther freende or foe They resolved for to shipp them selves in the Frygett and soe to gett home for theire Countrey, And they desired Capt Jonnes to goe w<sup>th</sup> them to be theire Capt' & m<sup>r</sup> and told him yf he would nott, They would force him vnto it, in regarde he had shipped many of them and was y<sup>e</sup> occasione they cam to soe greate misery, And sayeth y<sup>t</sup> Capt Powell knew of theire Cominge away and y<sup>t</sup> they parted from him in the daye tyme towardes y<sup>e</sup> eveninge, And sayeth y<sup>t</sup> they parted from Capt' Powell about the later ende of January, as he remembreth. And sayeth y<sup>t</sup> they did beate vpp and downe y<sup>e</sup> coaste some two monethes and at last mett w<sup>th</sup> this Friggett vppon the coaste of Cooba and y<sup>t</sup> those in the friggett forsooke her, & went ashore in they<sup>r</sup> boate w<sup>th</sup> such goodes as they could carry w<sup>th</sup> them, and y<sup>t</sup> they found nothinge in her but some 60 Turtles and certen Rawe hides And sayeth they tooke y<sup>t</sup> friggett alonge w<sup>th</sup> them and y<sup>t</sup> theire intent was to have gone for England, but by reasone y<sup>t</sup> Capt Jonnes was vnacquainted in those p<sup>t</sup>es they could not gett free of the Ilandes, And y<sup>t</sup> after this about Cape

Curraibes they mett w<sup>th</sup> a friggott and hailed to them  
and they caim vnder theire lee, wherein were a  
bout sixteene men, of whom they had some p'visions  
and did pilott them in where they had fresh water.

[Copying these minutes was interrupted by the death of  
Mr. Lothrop Withington on the Lusitania; but arrangements  
have now been made to continue the work.]